Our Vision
To inspire and motivate students to explore the world of STEAM while developing character and grit to be productive and caring individuals who achieve their goals.

Our Mission
To provide all students with a rigorous instructional program that emphasizes STEAM concepts in a safe, secure, and caring environment, so that they will demonstrate the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional outcomes necessary as lifelong learners, in a changing and diverse world.

How do I get my child into VNMS STEAM Magnet?
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Van Nuys
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STEAM MAGNET
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Students engage in curriculum that aligns with California Common Core State Standards and the NGSS: Next Generation Science Standards. They will experience project based learning through hands on activities in a variety of cooperative groups while integrating technology into their learning and projects.

6th: English, World History: Ancient Civilization, math, science, Homeroom, PE and an elective.


8th: English, U.S. History, math, science, Homeroom, PE and an elective.

We offer GATE/Honors sections in all grades. Magnet students have their academics within the magnet school and we draw on our residential school to supplement electives. Electives for 6th grade magnet students include a wheel of coding, Lego robotics, and makerspace STEAM lab; or band, drill team and drama. In 7th and 8th grades students choose from the above mentioned or yearbook, AVID leadership and our manufacturing makerspace/machine shop that correlates with the excellent existing program at VNHS.

We are a small sized learning community of 297 students within a small-sized middle school, about 1000 students, in a quiet Sherman Oaks neighborhood with a student teacher ratio of less than 33:1.

Our STEAM Magnet has a long tradition of academic excellence while maintaining a nurturing, supportive environment. We are whole-child focused where social and emotional growth is as important as academic success. We achieve this by creating a sense of community through supportive teachers and faculty, involved parents, professional partnerships and enriching extracurricular activities.

Students participate in STEAM related field trips and a plethora of school wide, leadership run, spirit activities like dances and contests and community based projects throughout the years. Various clubs and teams meet at lunch and afterschool.

Students have opportunities to use their engineering skills to improve upon products throughout friendly school-wide competitions.

Our buddy program, grouping students from 6th and 8th grade, gives our newer students others in which to ask questions or seek advice in a relaxed environment and our older students the opportunity to be mentors and leaders. We have monthly activities to promote their friendships and mutual respect.

Our homeroom period is differentiated based on students’ needs. We offer acceleration, remediation and test preparation as well as other opportunities to experience ‘electives’.

Teachers choose activities that are fun and exciting but also advantageous. Your child might experience the stock market game, battle of the books or Art Through the Ages.

Friday assemblies gather all of our magnet students together for team building, STEAM curriculum, student recognition, public speaking and presentation opportunities and community STEAM related career speakers.

We encourage our students to be civically minded, community aware and to volunteer and organize events for the benefit of our neighborhood and its institutions.